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| 115  | 110   | 215                   | 55              | Extension for reply within first month                                     |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 116  | 400   | 216                   | 200             | Extension for reply within second month                                    |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 117  | 950   | 217                   | 475             | Extension for reply within third month                                     |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 118  | 1,510   | 218                   | 755             | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 128  | 2,060   | 228                   | 1,030           | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 119  | 310   | 219                   | 155             | Notice of Appeal   |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 120  | 310   | 220                   | 155             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 121  | 270   | 221                   | 135             | Request for oral hearing   |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 138  | 1,510   | 138                   | 1,510           | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 140  | 110   | 240                   | 55              | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 141  | 1,320   | 241                   | 660             | Petition to revive - unintentional   |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 142  | 1,320   | 242                   | 660             | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 143  | 450   | 243                   | 225             | Design issue fee   |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 144  | 670   | 244                   | 335             | Plant issue fee  |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 122  | 130   | 122                   | 130             | Petitions to the Commissioner  |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 123  | 50  | 123                   | 50              | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 126  | 240   | 126                   | 240             | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 581  | 40  | 581                   | 40              | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 146  | 790   | 246                   | 395             | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
| 149  | 790   | 249                   | 395             | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.29(b))              |                          |                 |          |     |     |     |    |                                     |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |                           |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |      |     |      |  |  |     |        |     |        |   |  |     |     |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |       |     |     |   |  |     |       |     |       |  |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |  |  |     |     |     |     |                          |  |     |       |     |       |   |  |     |     |     |    |                                  |  |     |       |     |     |                                    |  |     |       |     |     |                                |  |     |     |     |     |                  |  |     |     |     |     |                 |  |     |     |     |     |                               |  |     |    |     |    |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |    |     |    |  |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |     |     |     |     |   |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                          |
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